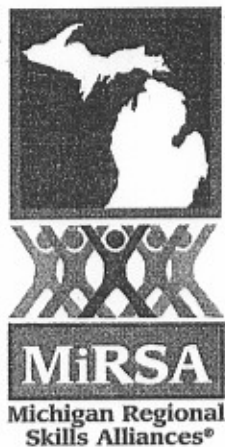


UP Regional Manufacturing Industrial Skills Alliance Share Promising Practice



A forum made up of groups focused on supporting and growing the manufacturing industry in Michigan recently met at the M-TEC at Lansing Community College's West Campus to share strategies and best practices.

The Keynote Speaker for the day was Dr. Charles Ballard, Professor of Economics at Michigan State University. Dr. Ballard has received numerous awards recognizing his outstanding work as a teacher and a scholar, and is the author of "Michigan's Economic Future: Challenges and Opportunities".

Andy Levin, Deputy Director of The Michigan Department of Labor and Eco-

nomic Growth, joined the group during lunch to share information regarding the future and restructuring of his department and to introduce new leadership within the department.

The forum featured promising practices from a number of Regional Skills Alliances throughout the state who are working on industry-wide issues related to the manufacturing industry in Michigan, as well as each of the W.I.R.E.D. regions in Michigan, who have strategies that align with manufacturing Regional Skills Alliances.

The Upper Peninsula Regional Industrial Manufacturing Skills Alliance was represented by Holly Peoples of Michigan Works! The Job Force Board who made a promising practices presentation on the K-12 school outreach project, which is currently wrapping up for the 2007-2008 school year.

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